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SOUTH MIAMI TO HOST CSD SMALL CLAIMS COURT CLINIC

South Florida residents wishing to learn more about Miami-Dade County's Small Claims Court system will have an opportunity to do so on Thursday, October 10, when the Consumer Services Department holds another in its series of Small Claims Court Clinics.

The clinic will be held at the City of South Miami Commission Chambers, 6130 Sunset Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

It will be facilitated by the County's Consumer Advocate, Leonard Elias.

The Consumer Services Department holds these clinics at venues across Miami-Dade County to help residents understand how to use the County's Small Claims Court system to settle disputes with a value of \$5,000 or less.

In addition to giving a detailed explanation of how the court works, from filing an action to collecting on a judgment, as well as answering participants' questions, Elias will distribute sample packages of the required legal forms.

The Small Claims Court Clinics are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required.



Persons requiring directions to the City of South Miami Commission Chambers should call (305) 663-6338.

For information about the Small Claims Court Clinics call the Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department at (305) 365-3677 or visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/csd/.

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The Miami Dade Consumer Services Department is an agency of Miami-Dade County government that protects consumers through complaint mediation, business regulation, and consumer education. The Department operates the Consumer Hotline (305) 375-3677, a central telephone number for consumer complaints and information.